

### REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for his attention to the application. Applicant has provisionally elected to proceed with the connector shown at Figures 8 and 17 – 19H and claimed at claims 1-6, 11-12 and 17-23.

With the foregoing provisional election and amendment to the claims, the application should be in a condition for examination. No new matter has been entered with any of the foregoing amendments. Applicant requests the examiner's reconsideration of the application and an early notice to the allowance thereof.

If any matters remain that can be handled with a telephone conference, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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